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National Response Plan and National Incident Management System

Review and Revision Process

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Overview

- Background
- Strategic Objectives
- NRP-NIMS Process
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- NRP and NIMS Issues
- Work Groups
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Background

- NIMS issued March 2004; NRP issued December 2004
- Notice of Change released on May 25, 2006; included 11 topics
- Secretary of DHS is responsible for conducting an interagency review of the document
  - DHS FEMA is the Executive Agent for the NRP
  - FEMA partnering with DHS Preparedness Directorate (PREP) to co-chair a NRP/NIMS Task Force
  - Participation from all levels of stakeholders (Federal, State, local, tribal, private sector, and NGOs)
- DRG PCC approved NRP/NIMS Work Plan in September

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Strategic Objectives For Review

- Identify and prioritize issues to ensure a coordinated and efficient all-hazards Federal response: **(Completed)**
- Ensure NRP consistently uses NIMS framework: **(In progress)**
- Revise NRP and NIMS to ensure: **(In progress)**
  - compliance with homeland security policy
  - easily understandable by all stakeholders
  - provide mechanisms or concept materials in a variety of formats
- Fully engage and incorporate all stakeholders: **(Actively including state/local and private sector)**
- Develop comprehensive outreach strategy and training program for final products: **(In development)**

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Phases of Review

1) Strategic plan approval and prioritization of issues for review and revision **(Completed)**

2) Targeted rewrite and product completion **(In Process)**

3) Promulgation and roll-out of NRP and NIMS

4) Continuous cycle of training and exercising/periodic review and revision

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Key Actions to Date

- Reviewed inputs from Task Force and Regional partners
  - Oct 25 – State, local, tribal, NGO, private sector
  - Nov 6 – DHS and Interagency Task Force
  - Participation in ESFLG and RISC, and G&T Conference
- Congressional briefing
- Modified scope of some of the original 14 NRP issues; added 3 new NRP issues
  - Review Federal incident management plans; determine appropriate linkage to NRP
  - Review logistics management issues
  - Examine evacuation and sheltering issues
- Website development
  - Link from DHS NRP Website www.dhs.gov/nrp

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NRP Key Issues

Base Plan Issues

1. Clarify Roles and Responsibilities of Key Structures/Positions/Levels of Government
2. Strengthen role of States and Private Sector under the NRP
3. Integrate NIMS concepts, principles, terminology, systems, and organizational processes into the revised NRP
4. Review JFO structure and operations, to include Unified Command
5. Incorporate proactive planning for incidents that render State and local governments incapable of an effective response

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NRP Key Issues

Annex Issues

- Examine all Existing NRP Annexes and Proposed New Annexes
- Strengthen External Affairs and Public Affairs Annexes
- **Review logistics management issues**
- **Examine evacuation and sheltering issues**
- Ensure the integration of all search and rescue assets
- Review the scope of Public Safety and Security missions
- Incorporate companion animal issues
- Improve process for identifying and accepting donated goods and the integration of volunteers
- Clarify international support mechanisms
- Ensure consistency between NRP and new National Emergency Communications Strategy
- Refine the NRP-CIS to include the review of a possible increased DoD responsibility
- **Review Federal incident management plans and determine their appropriate linkage to the NRP (Base Plan Appendix)**

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NIMS Key Issues

- Guidance required to clarify roles and responsibilities within NIMS framework
- Better include concept of preparedness into NIMS
- Refine NIMS to ensure it can be easily understood by all stakeholders
- Better tie between NIMS and Homeland Security Presidential Directive-8 "National Preparedness," NRP, and other Federal response efforts
- Emphasize importance of NIMS training for all emergency management, response personnel and disaster workers, private sector and nongovernmental agencies

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Description of Work Groups

- *Roles and Responsibilities*
- *Incident Management and Coordination*
- *Functions*
- *Catastrophic Planning*
- *Communications*
- *NIMS*
- *Volunteer and Donations Management*
- *Evacuations and Sheltering*
- *International Support*
- *Training and Implementation*
- *Companion Animal Issue**
- *Special Needs Work Group**

*** These work groups met early in the process to help establish policies for these specific issues which will be integrated into other work groups.**

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Description of Work Groups

NRP Work Plan

NIMS Work Plan

Feb 19 – Mar 9 Writing Team Develops 1st Draft of NRP

Feb 19 – Mar 26 Adjudicate comments on 1st draft of /Prepare 2nd draft of NIMS

Mar 12 – 30 1st Comment Period on NRP

Mar 26 – Apr 6 2nd Comment Period on NIMS

Apr 2 – 20 Adjudicate comments on 1st draft of NRP/Prepare 2nd draft of NRP

Apr 9 – 27 Adjudicate NIMS comments/prepare final draft of NIMS for approval

Apr 23 – May 4 2nd Comment Period on NRP

May 7 - 23 Adjudicate NRP comments/ prepare final draft of NRP for approval

May 1 - 31 Approval Process for NIMS

May 23 – 31 Expedited Approval Process for NRP

Jun 1 NRP and NIMS Announcement and Electronic Release

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Summary

- Review of NRP-NIMS is a very important task
  - Incorporate many lessons learned
  - Gain participation and buy-in from State/Local and Private Sector
- Each Department has multiple opportunities to contribute and monitor progress
  - DRG
  - Steering Committee
  - Task Group
  - Work Groups
- Successful Review will require a sprint to the deadline